[*Translation*]

Use of Coal Dust in Bihar

5340. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal dust from coal mines in Hazaribagh (Bihar) flows waste into river;

(b) whether the Government have any scheme to produce manure and cooking coal from this coal dust; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said scheme would be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMA GOUDA): (a) No coal dust from the mines in Hazaribagh District flows into the river. However, some quantity of fine coal slurry at times flows into the river. Steps have already been initiated to modify washery circuits so that no coal dust flows into the river from the washeries.

(b) and (c). Coal India Limited are encouraging private entrepreneurs to take up manufacture of coal briquettes for use as domestic fuel from fine coal available in various mines. So far coal clearance to 898 applicants have been given for manufacture of coal briquettes.

[*English*]

Production of Coal in Eastern Coalfields

5341. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to State:

(a) the targets fixed and actual production of coal achieved by the Eastern Coalfields Limited during each of last three years;

(b) whether there has been shortfalls in production against the targets; and

(c) if so, the reasons for shortfalls and the steps taken to improve the production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMA-GOUDA):

(a) The information is given below:-

(*million tonnes*)

Year	Target	Production
1988-89	30.10	30.13
1989-90	30,90	24.49
1990-91	29.00	23.47

(b) and (c). During 1989-90 and 1990-91 the shortfall in production, against target, was due to difficulties in timely availability of land, power shortages, absenteeism, law and other problem etc. Steps taken to increase coal production inter-alia include redeployment of surplus labour, constant monitoring, opening of new mines, modernisation of existing mines, application of new technologies to achieve maximum results/ and making available inputs and infrastructural in time to optimise production of coal.

Energisation of Pumpsets and Rural Electrification in Madhya Pradesh

5342. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages and irrigation pumps energised in Madhya Pradesh during 1990-91 and the number of villages yet to be electrified;

(b) whether the Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board has the capacity to electrify about 4000 new villages and energise 1,00,000 irrigation pumps per year;

(c) if so, whether sufficient funds have been provided for it;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Union Government propose to provide sufficient funds in conforming with the demand to electrify in that State for these purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a). According to available information, during 1990-91 in Madhya Pradesh, 2980 villages were electrified and 85,500 pumpsets were energised. Based on 1981 Census, 8165 villages in the State remain to be electrified.

(b) Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board had achieved electrification of more than 4,000 villages and 1,00,000 pumpsets in a year in the past.

(c) to (e). For the year 1991-92, an allocation of Rs. 119.35 crores has been made for electrification of 1620 villages and energisation of 64,250 pumpsets under REC programme in Madhya Pradesh. The annual outlay for the programme is decided by the Planning Commission based on the overall availability of resources.

Power Generation in Kerala

5343. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state the quantum of power generation in Kerala in the last three years and the reasons for low power generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): The energy generation programme vis-a-vis actual generation in Kerala during the year 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 is as under:-

(Figs. in MU)

	Programme	Actual	% Programme
1988-89	4300	4553	105.6
1989-90	4622	5068	109.6
1990-91	5205	5494	105.6

Conversion of Madras-Madurai Section

5344. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to convert the metre gauge line from Madras to Madurai into broad-guage;

(b) if so, the estimated cost thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraints of resources.